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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AORG UN IR  
SUBJ: UN FINANCES - IRANIAN CHAIRMAN OF UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE

REF: STATE 92196

1. ON APRIL 12 POLCOUNS PUT DOWN "MARKER" REQUESTED REFTEL WITH MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS ESFANDIARI AND ACTING DEPARTMENT HEAD DABIRI. HE NOTED LEBANESE DESIRE FOR UNIFIL AND ROLE IN ITS FAVOR BEING PLAYED BY LEBANESE AMBASSADOR TUEINI IN NEW YORK.

2. DABIRI ASKED IF SOURCE OF POLITICAL CONTROVERSY IS LIKELY TO BE ARAB OR SOVIET. POLCOUNS SUGGESTED THIS WAS SPECULATION: ARABS WITH POSSIBLE SOVIET SUPPORT. DABIRI REPLIED THAT HISTORY OF SUCH OPERATIONS SUGGESTS THAT, IF HOST GOVERNMENT DESIRES A UN PRESENCE, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR OUTSIDERS TO PREVENT IT. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN CAIRMAN TALIEH AND NOTED PERMREP HOVEYDA WILL BE HEADING IRANIAN DELEGATION AND SITTING IN DURING SPECIAL SESSION.

3. WE BELIEVE IRANIANS WILL COOPERATE IN DISCOURAGING CONTROVERSIAL DEBATE TO THE EXTENT OF TALIEH'S SKILLS AND  
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BEHIND-THE-SCENE SUPPORT FROM IRANIAN DELEGATION. RECOMMEND USUN KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HOVEYDA ALSO, SINCE IRANIANS HERE WOULD NORMALLY DEFER TO THEIR AMBASSADOR'S JUDGMENT ON THE SPOT AND NOT TRY TO SECOND-GUESS HIM ON TACTICS IN NEW YORK. EXCEPT IN VERY UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT IRANIANS WILLINGLY TO INCUR DISPLEASURE OF CONSERVATIVE ARAB GOVERNMENTS, AS OPPOSED TO WITHSTANDING TROUBLE-

MAKING FROM ARAB RADICALS, PARTICULARLY IF THESE ARE BACKED  
BY SOVIET UNION.  
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